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SUBJECT: IEA/SOM EXPERTS MEETING ON NATURAL GAS -
APRIL 28-29

SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING NOTE CALLING
EXPERTS MEETING ON NATURAL GAS FOR APRIL 28-29:

BEGIN TEXT

DURING THE RECENT SLT REVIEW IT APPEARED THAT THERE WAS
REASON TO FEAR A SERIOUS SHORTFALL IN THE FUTURE AVAIL-
ABILITY AND UTILIZATION OF NATURAL GAS AS AT PRESENT
FORESEEN BY CERTAIN IEA COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, THE
DESIDERABILITY OF A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE SUPPLY
AND COST ASPECTS OF THE NATURAL GAS MARKET, ITS FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT AND ITS INTERRELATIONS WITH THE OIL MARKET
HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN APPARENT IN THE SOM.

THE SECRETARIAT WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO PREPARE THE WAY
FOR A MORE SUSTAINED IEA EFFORT ON NATURAL GAS BY HOLD-
ING A MEETING OF EXPERTS ON 28-29 APRIL 1977, AND IT IS
HOPED THAT ALL DELEGATIONS WILL NOMINATE TECHNICALLY
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QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES. THE MEETING WILL START AT
10:30 A.M. ON 28 APRIL.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING, THE SECRETARIAT WILL
CIRCULATE, BEFORE 10 APRIL, A QUESTIONNAIRE BASED ON A
SECRETARIAT POSITION PAPER. THE POSITION PAPER, TO BE
MADE AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME, WILL CONTAIN A PRE-

LIMINARY APPRAISAL OF THE NATURAL GAS POSITION AND
SEEK TO IDENTIFY THE MAIN ISSUES WHICH OUGHT TO ENGAGE
THE ATTENTION OF IEA DELEGATE BODIES. BOTH THE QUES-
TIONNAIRE AND THE POSITION PAPER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT
THE MEETING AND IT IS HOPED THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL
SUBMIT INFORMATION ON THE POINTS RAISED EITHER BEFORE
OR AT THE TIME OF THE EXPERTS MEETING.

THE MEETING ON 28-29 APRIL WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRE-
TARIAT AND WILL HAVE THE CHARACTER OF A FACT-FINDING
EXERCISE ONLY. NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS OR
COMMITMENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM THE MEET-
ING. IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED IN REPLY
TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES, AND OF THE COMMENTS MADE ON THE
SECRETARIAT'S PAPER, THE SECRETARIAT WILL OFFER
FURTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO FUTURE IEA WORK ON NATURAL
GAS.

DELEGATIONS PROPOSING TO SEND EXPERTS TO THE MEETING
ARE INVITED TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

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